



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Nord et al.

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For: CUSHIONED RUBBER FLOOR MAT ARTICLE AND METHOD

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AMENDMENTHonorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 14, 16, 29, 32, 34, 37, 38, 41 and 43 as follows.

1. (Amended) A cushioned floor mat comprising

a rubber mat structure comprising

at least a first layer comprised of foam rubber; and

a plurality of protrusions integrated within said rubber mat structure, wherein at least one of said protrusions integrated within said mat structure has a cross section shape selected from the group consisting of circular, oval, elliptical, octagonal, rounded, polygonal, letters, numbers, and combinations thereof.